

SAMUEL AND MARGARET FISHER JONES



Samuel Jones was born July 12, 1858, in Provo, Utah. His father was Elisha Jones and his mother, Sarah Ann Cummings.

*1858-1935
Jones
sawmill worker
Shirley M. Jones
well digger
canal builder
Timpanogos
water helper*

In 1859 the family moved to Mt. Pleasant where they resided five years.

His early life was spent working on the farm. In 1870, he with his cousin, Isaac Jones, herded the Heber cow herd.

When he was 18 he began working in the sawmills in the canyons. Some of the mills where he sawed were: Poulson's, William Forman's, Henry McGuire and the Wasatch Lumber Co. He made shingles for Thomas Clegg and the Wasatch Lumber Co.

Later he owned and operated his own mill, with the help of his son Warren.

On March 24, 1881, he was married to Margaret Park Fisher in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They drove to Salt Lake City in a wagon. The journey took them two days.

Samuel Jones and Herbert Clegg dug wells for the people of Heber. Herbert did the digging and Samuel operated the windlass to bring the dirt out and lower the sandstone and rock to face the walls, also raising and lowering Herbert in the bucket.

They dug a well for David Fisher 98 feet deep, one for Peter Jacob 65 feet, and one for Samuel 28 feet, and many others.

His most important pioneering project was the Timpanogos Canal. This made water available to many farmers.

The Timpanogos Water Co. was formed with Joseph Hatch, president, and Samuel Jones, vice president. Edward Buys was hired to survey the ditch and Samuel Jones was staff man.

When surveying was finished, work began on the canal. Samuel Jones was foreman for 15 years. After much discouragement the work was finished and the canal supplied water to land above the Wasatch Canal.

Samuel Jones then served as watermaster on the canal for seven years.

Samuel and Margaret were the parents of three boys and four girls, and reared also a niece, Elizabeth Fisher, from infancy.

Their children are: David F. Jones, Martha Jones Blackley, Rachel Ann Smith, Elisha Warren Jones, Margaret Ellen Jones, Florence Jones, and John Thomas Jones.

Margaret Jones died on August 1, 1925. Samuel Jones died on March 18, 1935.